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OTHER MATTERS

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Matters related to the inter-sessional work of the Commission

1. The Commission on Sustainable Development decides, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/63 entitled "Programme of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development for the period 1998-2002 and future methods of work of the Commission", that in order to assist the Commission in its deliberations at its seventh session, the 1999 sessions of its inter-sessional ad hoc working groups will be devoted to the issues of:

(a) Oceans and seas; and comprehensive review of the Programme of Action for the sustainable development of Small Island Developing States;[1]

(b) Consumption and production patterns, including recommendations for sustainable consumption for inclusion in the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection,[2] as requested by the Council in its resolution 1997/53 entitled "Consumer protection"; and tourism.

2. The Commission, in accordance with paragraph 133 of the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 adopted by the General Assembly at its nineteenth special session held from 23 to 28 June 1997,[3] also decides that the Bureau of its seventh session shall conduct transparent and open-ended consultations in a timely manner to ensure greater involvement of member States on matters related to preparations for the seventh session of the Commission and the sessions of its inter-sessional ad hoc working groups, including on ways to improve the organization of work during the high-level segment of the Commission.

3. The Commission urges that, in order to enable the Bureau to carry out its functions effectively, consideration should be given to providing appropriate financial support, through exrabudgetary contributions, to members of the Bureau, particularly from the developing countries, to enable them to participate in the meetings of the bureau, in inter-sessional meetings of the Commission and in the sessions of the Commission itself.

Notes

[1] Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[2] General Assembly resolution 39/248, annex.

[3] General Assembly resolution S-19/2, annex.